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Helicopters to Bring Cabinet

Eisenhower to Meet All His Top Aids Tomorrow

By Earl Mazo

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 19.—The top leadership of the Eisenhower administration will meet with President Eisenhower Monday and Tuesday at Camp David, the President's closely-guided retreat in the picturesque Catskill Mountains, twenty-five miles from the Eisenhower farm near Gettysburg and fifty miles from Washington.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, the ten members of the Cabinet and most of the eighteen other invited officials will fly to the camp by helicopters, weather permitting. Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty announced today.

Mr. Eisenhower will go by automobile from his farm, and Mrs. Eisenhower may accompany him. Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, Mr. Eisenhower's personal physician, will also be in

the overnight Presidential party. The schedule includes a major meeting of the National Security Council beginning at 2:30 p. m. on Monday, and a session of the Cabinet starting at 9 a. m. Tuesday.

These will be the first Cabinet and N. S. C. meetings over which Mr. Eisenhower will have presided since he left Washington for a Colorado vacation on Aug. 14, and his first general conference with groups of his Administration's key leaders since he became ill on Sept. 24.

The historic—but secret—meetings are expected to mark dramatically the President's re-assumption of full control of the government, only a week after he had begun an extended convalescence stay on his 496-acre Gettysburg farm.

Vice-President Nixon has been presiding at Cabinet and National Security Council sessions in Mr. Eisenhower's absence.

Mr. Hagerty announced plans for the meetings after noting that inclement weather caused Mr. Eisenhower to keep close to his farm fireplace today.

A few of the President's golfing and bridge-playing friends are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower over this week end indoors. They are, Mr. Hagerty said, W. Alton Jones, of New York, president of Cities Service Corp., and Mrs. Jones; William E. Robinson, of New York, president of the Coca-Cola Co., and Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Commander of NATO forces.

First Snow of Season

The season's first snow caused postponement of the President's plan to show White House reporters and photographers high spots of his beautifully-laid-out farm this morning. The heavy snow came to the Gettysburg area earlier than usual for recent years. Last year there was a trace of it on Nov. 2, but there was no sticking snow until Jan. 13.

In outlining plans for the Monday and Tuesday sessions, Mr. Hagerty said the President and those attending the Monday, N. S. C. meeting who must also be present for the Tuesday Cabinet meeting will spend Monday night in the camp's comfortably arranged cottages.

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Because matters considered by the Cabinet and the N. S. C., which is the President's personal advisory body on security and planning, are never publicly divulged, Mr. Hagerty would not reveal the purpose of the sessions.

Wide-Ranged Agenda

It was understood, however, that the Administration leaders will review with Mr. Eisenhower a wide range of international and domestic problems and policies, including those stemming from the failure of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference and the increased tensions in the Middle East, caused by the Communist sale of arms to Egypt. The contents of the President's forthcoming State-of-the-Union message and next year's budget are also likely to be discussed.

Scheduled to attend the N. S. C. meeting are the council members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, and Director of Defense Mobilization Arthur S. Flemming. Also at the meeting will be Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr., Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes, Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Theodore C. Streibert, director of the United States Information Agency; Harold Stassen, assistant to the President on disarmament matters; Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. and John Hollister, director of the International Co-operation Administration.

Military Chiefs Due

Also, Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, representing Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Assistant Secretary of State Robert R. Bowie, Dillon Anderson, Presidential assistant for security affairs; Joseph M. Dodge, White House assistant on foreign economic policy; Nelson Rockefeller, Presidential assistant for psychological strategy planning; Col. Andrew Goodpaster, secretary of the White House staff; James S. Lay Jr., executive secretary of the N. S. C., and his deputy S. Everett Gleason, and Sherman Adams, President Eisenhower's chief assistant.

In addition to its members, the Cabinet meeting will be attended by Mr. Flemming, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Stassen, Col. Goodpaster, Mr. Lay and Mr. Adams.

Allen Dulles Flying In
Allen W. Dulles, the nation's intelligence chief, is scheduled to fly to Gettysburg before Monday's meeting so he may brief the President on the latest foreign intelligence reports while motoring with him to Camp David.

While the N. S. C. has never met before at Camp David, the Cabinet did hold a session there last spring prior to an outing for Cabinet members and their families, Mr. Hagerty said.

Mr. Hagerty said the camp was chosen for the meeting because Mr. Eisenhower's farm is not big enough and there is no

other place nearer to Gettysburg that is sufficiently "secure" for such large, high-level policy conferences.

He implied that the President may go to the White House in Washington for some subsequent meetings before transferring his headquarters back to Washington in six or more weeks at the end of his convalescence.

3 Helicopters Ready

Four armed services helicopters—three of them two-engined "Flying Bananas" and the other a large, one-engined Sikorsky—will be used for the air-lift arrangement between landing spots at the camp and the Pentagon to shuttle officials from Washington. The flights will take forty-five minutes. Vice-President Nixon will board the single-engine helicopter at National Airport, Washington, at noon Monday, immediately after arriving there from Florida.

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covering the comings and goings of the Administration leaders are being made at Thurmont, Md., a hamlet at the foot of the mountain four miles from the camp. The set-up there, including use of a tiny railroad depot as press headquarters, will be similar to that at Fraser, Col., during summer visits of Mr. Eisenhower to his favorite Rocky Mountain hideaway.

- Mr. Hagerty said photographers will be permitted through Camp David's cordon of Marine and Secret Service guards to take pictures of officials as they arrive and leave and also to photograph the Cabinet as it sits down with Mr. Eisenhower in Laurel Lodge, the camp's main building, before beginning its business session.

Former C. C. C. Camp

Camp David, which has been a week-end retreat for the Eisenhower family and also former Presidents Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt, was a

Civilian Conservation Corps camp in the depression years, that was later abandoned. It has been completely renovated. Its layout, in a beautiful 1,000-foot-high setting affording a magnificent panoramic view of the Maryland countryside, includes more than a dozen lodges and cabins, a one-hole golf course and a trout stream.

It was first used by President Roosevelt early in World War II. He named it Shangri-la. President Truman retained that name, but President Eisenhower, after his first visit in May, 1953, renamed it Camp David in honor of his father and his seven - and - a - half - year - old grandson.